

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2694-01
Bill No.: HB 1134
Subject: Conservation Dept.; Environmental Protection
Type: Original
Date: December 18, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

In a similar proposal from last session (HB 205), officials of the **Department of Agriculture** and **Department of Natural Resources** assumed this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

The **State Courts Administrator** assumes this proposal will have no fiscal impact on the Courts.

Officials of the **Department of Conservation** assume the proposal does not mandate that the Conservation Commission administer cost-share programs beyond those already offered. Officials stated that landowner cost-share incentive programs to promote sustainable forestry on private lands are already in place.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposal allows the Missouri Conservation Commission to administer a cost-share incentive program to promote sustainable forestry on eligible private lands. The program may reimburse landowners for up to 50% of the costs of forest management activities that protect water quality and ensure efficient use and continued availability of forest resources, but do not generate an immediate profit. Landowners apply for the program on prescribed forms to the state forester. Applications will not be accepted for tracts of land less than 40 acres or for land that has been designated as forest cropland. The total amount of incentives provided to any person shall not exceed \$5,000 per calendar year.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Agriculture
Department of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
State Courts Administrator

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
December 18, 2001